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Imam Muhammad Abdullah  
A distinguished Teacher & a dedicated Preacher

# A Tribute To 90 Years Legend

## IMAM "MASTER" MUHAMMAD ABDULLAH

At the conclusion of the 90th year birth Anniversary commemoration of Imam 'Master' Muhammad Abdullah, a legend that peacefully returned to Allah, this publisher takes pride in revisiting the most honourable, distinguished teacher and dedicated preacher, to most known as 'Professor' Muhammad Abdullah. Although born, raised, educated, and married in the former British India(now Pakistan), 'Master' Abdullah claims a special part of history in establishing a root of Ahmadiyyat in the Fiji Islands, as in the words of the venerable and the most revered Dr. Allah Baksh Sahib, who wrote a decade ago,'...The introduction of the Lahore Movement in Fiji is an interesting story. In the early twenties Arya Samaj was challenging the Fiji Muslims to hold debates with them. Some Muslims wrote a letter to Anjuman-i-Himayat Islam Lahore to depute a person for the purpose. This Anjuman finding its inability to meet the Fiji situation forwarded the letter to President of the Ahmadiyya Anjuman Ishaat-i-Islam Lahore for compliance.

Maulana Muhammad Ali of blessed memory deputed Master Mohammad Abdullah as a teacher and preacher in Fiji. Thus were laid the foundations of the Lahore Movement in Fiji. A branch was thus established here.....

It would be seen from this short review of the history of the Fiji Jamaat how the tender plant of Lahore Ahmadiyya first sown at the hand of Master M. Abdullah and afterwards nurtured by (a number of missionaries that followed) has yearly grown from strength to strength. With the expansion of the Lahore Ahmadiyya Movement in the World, has been widening sphere of activities of the Fiji branch...'

On his passing away in June 18, 1992 at the age of 87, we recall some notable quotes from throughout the World from his family, friends, peers, associates, and journalists. Brother Masud Akhtar Choudhary wrote an inspirational obituary on the noble life and accomplishments of one of the great jamaat's stalwart, Imam 'master' Muhammad Abdullah, which appeared in the July/Sept. '92 issue of the 'Paigham-e-Haqq', Fiji. The article depicts in great detail Imam Abdullah's youth, early education, induction

into the Lahore Jamaat, teachers training and experiences in the Punjab and Fiji Isles, and the missionary efforts in the United States, which concludes in his words, "...he visited General Abdullah Saeed a few times in Mexico, to work out details of the Spanish translation of the Holy Quran and "Mohammad the Prophet". In 1988 he went to Texas and led the prayers at General Abdullah's funeral. He also attended the International Ahmadiyya Convention in Ohio and the Annual Convention at Lahore with his wife Hameeda Begum. Allah had given Muhammad Abdullah gifted qualities of the mind and the heart. He had the heart of a lion and took the harshest criticisms and worked to make amends and improvements. He was a very hospitable and courteous person. His friends and acquaintances were always guests in his home. Once a person came into contact with Muhammad Abdullah, he kept the relationship his entire life. He had friends all over the World and kept in touch with them through correspondence or by phone.

Allah had blessed him with an extreme love and admiration of Islam. He spent his entire life dedicated to the cause of Islam. He was always willing to render any service to the cause of Islam. He was an open-minded individual and the service of humanity was the passion that fueled him until he rendered his last breath.

During the last years of his life he donated 25% of his annual social security income to the Ahmadiyya Anjuman's various projects. In additions to these contributions he presented gifts to friends, family, acquaintances, on various occasions. He had a sharp sense of humour and made his audience laugh and smile during his speeches. He was an admirer of the English translation of the Holy Quran by Maulana Muhammad Ali, and also his Urdu commentary Bayan-ul-Quran..."

There is also a great historical impact in Imam Abdullah's zealous endeavours amongst the Black Muslim community, and his special relationship with their leader, Imam W. Deen Mohammad for a period of over 33 years. Imam Mohammad acknowledges this fact: "...I consider him a very dear friend, in fact the best friend that I have known. He was the best friend to

### "Humility, Love and Courage"

"To understand his (Hazrat Mirza Sahib's) success, and the continuing success of the Ahmadiyya Movement, one must consider his character, his actions, the principles by which he conducted his life, and by which he told his followers they must conduct their lives if they were to be members of the Ahmadiyya Movement and succeed in uniting all religions under Islam.

The qualities he praised were love, hospitality, tolerance, patience and sympathy. He regarded simplicity and industriousness as major qualities. "To me those persons who lead a life of simplicity are very dear," he said. He condemned pride, hard heartedness, and the love of luxury. His followers called him "Hazrat" meaning "Holiness", as a sign of love and understanding. And he, in turn, addressed them politely as "My brothers...": -biographer Iain Adamson".

the Nation of Islam and to myself that I know of, His passing was as the passing of a dear Uncle or a close person...."

Sister Zarina Mohammad of Trinidad reports that in 1970, during a record gathering at the Ahmadiyya Convention, hosted by the Suriname Jamaat, in honour of the visit of the late Hazrat Ameer Maulana Saddrudin, Imam W.D. Mohammad participated in the proceedings in accompaniment of Imam Muhammad Abdullah. She writes, "It was through the determined efforts of the late Maulana Tufail Sahib and the great instrumentality and the influence of our dear Master Abdullah that we had the unique privilege of having at the Convention, Imam Wallace D. Mohammad."

Imam Muhammad Abdullah, as Editor of 'The Bulletin', published from Hayward, California, frequently reviewed his missionary activities amongst the Bilalian Muslims of America, and gave prominent news coverage to their National leader, Imam Warith Deen Mohammad. In 1974 Imam Muhammad Abdullah took champion boxer, Muhammad Ali to Guyana, Trinidad and Suriname on a tour. In 1975 along with Imam Warith Deen Mohammad he toured Egypt, Libya, and Saudi Arabia and performed Umrah. During this tour they also visited the Headquarters of Ahmadiyya Anjuman Ishaat-i-Islam Lahore and discussed matters of common interest to both organizations.

The 'Muslim Journal', a national organ of the Afro-American Muslims in U.S.A. paid glowing tribute on the front page of July 17, 1992 issue, some excerpts of which are: '... Like the spiritual serenity that always accompanied Professor Abdullah, so it was at his passing. Recitations of excerpts from the Holy Qur'an on tape as recorded by Imam Muhammad Abdullah's dear friend Dr. Saeed Ahmad Khan (Hazrat Ameer), were played with special significance. It was Dr. Khan's father who performed Professor Abdullah's wedding ceremony some 62 years ago.... After Imam W. Deen Mohammad became the leader of the Muslim American community in 1975, Professor Abdullah was appointed by him as Imam of the Oakland Masjid now called Masjid Warithien and served in that capacity up to 1985. The manner in which the Professor

rendered his religious services with such diligence and interest won him the love and affection of the entire Muslim African American Community throughout the United States. Thereafter, Professor Abdullah continued his voluntary missionary work out of his residence and remained fully active in his religious fervor until his death.

In 1989 the Professor received a meritorious Award of Excellence given by Imam Abu Qadir Al-Amin in the presence of Imam W. Deen Mohammad for his lifetime services rendered to the Cause of Islam. As long as there is time to remember, many will continue to bring forth the good deeds of the Professor. He touched so many lives on various Continents. He was Editor of 'Zilzal' Newspaper of the Fiji Islands which furthered his influence and of the 'Bulletin' in San Francisco. He authored 'Religion and Society', 'Qur'an Made Easy' and numerous publications for both the young and adults."

The publisher regrets that due to a limited space he is unable to quote from numerous articles which appeared in other leading Newspapers and scores of condolence messages received from the well-wishers throughout the World. However, it would not be out of place to mention that Imam Abdullah was obsessed with the welfare of the Berlin Mosque. On the earnest appeal of Hazrat Ameer the late Maulana Muhammad Ali, Imam Muhammad Abdullah, while a student at Lahore, untiringly and with great passionate dedication, sacrificed his time and leisure in his sincere effort to collect the much desired Funds for the proposed construction of the Berlin Mosque. Besides his pioneering successes, Imam Abdullah throughout his lifetime was devoted towards this endeavour, and would frequently encourage and remind family members and friends to wholeheartedly contribute generous funds towards the maintenance and renovation of the most memorable and historical edifice of the Jamaat in Berlin. In the biographical sketch there are many such examples of Imam Abdullah's zealous and exemplary achievements in the pursuit of religious accomplishments that greatly benefited the Jamaat in particular and other Communities in general.

### HOLY QUR'AN

"God so loved the world that He gave us the Holy Qur'an so that those who believe and follow its guidance shall not perish but will have an everlasting life." - Imam Muhammad Abdullah. "The Holy Qur'an is the closest you can get to Heaven while still on Earth." Akbar Ibn Abdullah

### IN MEMORIUM

With reverence to the 90th year commemorative anniversary of Imam 'Master' Muhammad Abdullah the publisher takes pleasure in announcing that this Organization will undertake to reprint a large segment of Imam Abdullah's book, 'Religion & Society'. The section, 'Catechism of Islam', including some additional references on Islam, which will enhance the chances of proselytization of non-Muslims, will inshaaAllah be printed this year and distributed free. Your contribution of cash donations will go a long way in providing this informative booklet on Islam to the greatest number of non-Muslims in the West. The publisher has borne the cost of this Newsletter, and assure that none of your charitable contributions will apply towards it.

### DUA-E-KHAIR

All the Jamaat members are requested to pray for the health, well-being, and long life of our beloved Hazrat Ameer, and he may be blessed to inspire, guide, and lead us in our spiritual endeavours. May Allah (SWT) give him strength and grant His infinite Mercy and Compassion (Ameen).

## The Activity Snippets of 1995

### BERLIN MOSQUE

Overwhelmed by the beauty and the splendour of the most magnificent Mosque in the entire Europe, this publisher undertook the task of preparing some twenty posters, each consisting of seven 8" x 11" enlarged photographs of the Mosque Complex including the Woking Mosque, together with a passionate appeal for Funds (some of the pictures shown on the back page), and mailed the 36" x 30" poster to each of the A.A.I.L. Jamaats around the World. The effort was especially gratifying since it provided a golden opportunity to Jamaat members to view the Mosque, who may never have the occasion of visiting Berlin.

Coincidentally all the Jamaats around the World collected Funds for the Berlin Mosque with an electrifying result, indeed a quite exhilarating event. It is also very gratifying to learn that Brother A.S. Abdul Santoe visited Berlin for discussion with Imam Saeed Ahmad Chaudhary, and from the reports published by Sister Samina Sahu Khan, there has been some positive consideration by the German Government in favour of the Anjuman- JazakAllah.

At the time of printing this news magazine Imam Saeed Ahmad Chaudhary confirmed that scaffold have been placed and the repairs of the damaged Minaret is underway, however, he cautioned that the funds must flow in so the restoration work be completed without interruption.

### PRINTING OF LITERATURE

A booklet, "A Journey To Truth And Tranquility" was prepared for the benefit of those who have little or no contact with Islam, and especially designed, for free mass distribution around North American Continent. This 20 page booklet was arranged in a manner to attract maximum curiosity of the Reader, beginning with the inviting Cover, the exemplary life of the Holy Prophet, followed by the testimonials of two American Sisters who accepted Islam, with the inner back Cover describing, "What is Islam", and the outer back Cover consisting of valuable quotes on Islam by George Bernard Shaw, Bosworth Smith, and Dr. Steingass. The booklet highlights the Holy Qur'an by Maulana Muhammad Ali and invites Readers to write for information or secure free literature on Islam.

### PROPAGATION TOUR

The publisher undertook a 30 days 7000 miles tour covering some 70% of U.S.A. and parts of Canada and Mexico, distributing free literature at train stops, around main libraries, Government buildings, the markets and business thoroughfares of all the major Cities in the itinerary. Notable stops included a sojourn at the publisher's mother's home in the San Francisco Bay area; attending a weekend of Qur'an Dars at Brother Zafar Abdullah's residence brilliantly rendered by Brother Masud Akthar Choudhry; a whirlwind trip to Vancouver, B.C. with an

overnight stay at the residence of Brother Usman Ghani Baksh, and meeting Brothers Daud, Ismael Baksh, Mohammad Yaseen, and M. Yaseen Sahu Khan during the visit. The tour included a visit to the publisher's alma mater SLO California University, and courtesy calls at the various Bilalian Mosques. In the last leg of journey at Houston, Brother Naeem Ahmad was most helpful. The publisher expresses heartfelt thanks to all the Jamaat and family members for their kind hospitality and assistance during this tour. May Allah bless them all (Ameen).

### CHICAGO VISIT OF MR. & MRS. SANTOE

This summer Chicago was graced with the honour of the visit by Brother A.S. Abdul Santoe, the European representative of the Central Anjuman, who was accompanied by his Begum, on their return journey to Netherland, after attending the U.S.A. Convention at Ohio and Jamaat's jalsa at Hayward, California. The guests were housed in a private accomodation for their comfort and rest. The visit was marked with intense activities which included a sumptuous lunch in their honour with Mr. & Mrs. Warith Deen Mohammad and guests, a dinner at the residence of Dr. Abdul Salaam (the first U.S.A Publisher of Maulana Muhammad Ali's Holy Qur'an), lunch with the widow of the Prudential Insurance executive, and treated to sightseeing, shopping, and indulging in the taste of ethnic meals of Chicago. They witnessed how the affluent reside in the North and how the have-nots live in the South of the city. They visited a most beautiful Mosque in Chicago, Masjid Al-Fatir built with the financial support of the Emirates, paid a courtesy visit to the Ahmadiyya Mosque, and a grand tour of Minister Farrakhan's Mosque and University of Islam Complex given by the Secretary Brother Khalid Muhammad, a grandson of Master Elijah Muhammad (Minister Farrakhan was out of town). A drive by Champion Boxer Muhammad Ali's residence (the marriage of the publisher's daughter took place here), and a stop at the current residence of Minister FarraKhan (formerly the principal residence of Master Elijah Muhammad). Imam Master Muhammad Abdullah frequently stayed in this mansion when visiting Chicago. Hazrat Ameer and other dignitaries of the Central Anjuman were guests in this mansion.

Upon his return home Brother A.S. Abdul Santoe wrote to the publisher the following: "... Perhaps needless, however, to thank you for the time me and my wife have spent in your metropole city. Mere words are insufficient to express our gratitude... I have already filed in a report to Hazrat Ameer of my tour in the U.S.A. wherein a significant paragraph is dedicated to the Chicago-visit, the meetings you have arranged with Imam W.D. Muhammad and Dr. Abdul Salaam and also the Farrakhan Centre...I also found the two issues of the WDM's Journal including the articles about tributes to your late Father. Although I have never had the pleasure to meet him, I now understand fully among other the breed he left behind. He must have been a great man. May Allah be pleased with him..."

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## REVIEW IN RETROSPECT

### 1994 EUROPEAN TOUR

The publisher gloats the experience of the most memorable visit to the Netherland during the international Convention of the A.A.I.L.L. Holland Jamaat and the opening ceremony of the Utrecht Mosque including the 90th birthday celebration of Al-Hajj Maulana Jaggoe. Brother Drs. M.F.R. Karamat Ali, the President of the Federation, who greeted the publisher at the Airport arranged accomodation at Brother Naeem Nasrullah's residence along with Brother Zafar Abdullah. This convention, which was most meticulously organized by the Federation officials, was attended by many oversea delegates besides several hundreds of Holland Jamaat members and their families and local guests. The publisher as President of a nonprofit Jamaat Organization in U.S.A. was given an opportunity to address the audience in English and Urdu. There was an appreciable aura of satisfaction a visitor could sense about the most humble attitude and sincere hospitality of the Holland Jamaat members unparallel in the World, perhaps similar to the one found amongst the Anjuman members of the Fiji Islands. May Allah bless them all.

### A VISIT TO THE BERLIN MOSQUE

On behalf of Brother Zafar Abdullah and self, the publisher is most humbly indebted to Brother Naeem Nasrullah and wife for facilitating a two days of the most memorable visit to the historic mosque in Berlin. Imam Saeed Ahmad Chaudhary arranged accomodation and a tour of the City, especially eastern part of Berlin, which until recently under the Russain Sector. The Berlin Mosque is situated in the former British Sector, directly at the edge of the City, a very posh and expensive residential section of the City. The entire Mosque/Residential Complex is bounded by one half Block with the front and the two sides facing the streets. If the complex is constructed today the cost would be phenomenal and would easily exceed 40 million dollars. The Berlin Mosque is on the German Government's official list for tour of the foreign dignitaries visiting the Capital, and on each day brisque activity of foreign visitors were observed.

### LONDON/IRELAND SOJOURN

From the Holland Convention a side trip was undertaken to visit Dar-us-Salaam, London, and to avail one week vacation in the beautiful "Emerald Isles", Ireland which resembles by and large the "Paradies Isles" of Fiji. At the Mission House at Wembley, Begum Bano Anwar together with her daughter Miss Habiba and Brother Saadullah Jan, pleasantly made the short stay at Dar-us-Salaam the most comfortable. May Allah shower His choichest blessings on them (Ameen). On arrival in England Brother Shahid Aziz was at the Airport and graciouly provided transportation to the Wembley Mission House, while Brother Azhar Ahmad arranged for a day tour of the Woking Mosque and the surrounding area of Muslim grave site. The President of London Jamaat, Sister Jameelah Khan and husband had a most cordial visit at Dar-us-Salaam. The hospitality and courtesy received at the London Mission are highly commendable and rightly so deserve a special mention of thanks.

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### INCORPORATION

Early in April of 1993, 'Heaven on earth', Publications, an integrated auxiliary of 'Moslem Society of U.S.A. Inc., 1947 (the first A.A.I.L.L Mission in U.S.A.) was incorporated in the State of Illinois as a non-profit organization for the production of small tract literature and the propagation of Islam in the West. This publisher was elected as its first president.

### FREE DISTRIBUTION OF THE HOLY QUR'AN

The first agenda of activities involved the free distribution of the Holy Qur'an, the version of English translation with commentary by Maulana Muhammad Ali. Periodical advertisement announcing the free distribution appeared in the Religious section of the 'Chicago Tribune', and the response was overwhelming.

### DUA-E-SHIFA

Prayers are requested for Brother Abdul Razak of Bombay, India, and Begum Usman Gani Baksh of Canada, who are scheduled for an impending surgeries when their conditions stabilizes. May Allah (SWT) have Mercy.

### OBITUARY

"Inna lillahe wa inna ilchi Rajeeoon"

The publisher expresses his deepest sorrow on the sad passing away in Fiji, of Begum Abdul Gani Sahukhan, mother of Brothers M. Yaseen and Nazim Sahukhan of Canada and Brothers M. Amin and Imran Sahukhan of Fiji, while in Pakistan, the sad and untimely demise of his cousin, Malik Abdul Rehman, proprietor of Rehman Electrical Manufacturers of Rawalpindi. May Allah (SWT) grant eternal peace and solace to the departed souls, and render the bereaved families a source of strength and comfort in their grief and anguish to bear this irreparable loss (Ameen).

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## WORLD PARLIAMENT OF RELIGIONS

A most gratifying effort was during the week long second centennial World Parliament of Religions held in Chicago in late August. A special 8 page pamphlet containing the A.A.I.L.L viewpoints was prepared and several thousands printed for the free distribution amongst some 6000 delegates and visitors. Brothers Dr. Muhammad Ahmad, Dr. Noman I. Malik, Sister Samina Sahu Khan and son Fazeel, participated in setting up a Book Stall during the Convention. As a member of the Host Committee the publisher had unlimited free access to all the meeting Halls of the several floors of the Hotel which provided a golden opportunity to circulate free literature on a daily basis in almost all the meeting venues. Scores of copies of Hazrat Mirza Sahib's speech, 'Message of peace between Muslims and Hindus'-mutual respect for each other's faith, were prepared and distributed directly in meetings or through the A.A.I.L.L. Stall. The publisher, in addition to his host duties, propagation activities, frequently visited the Anjuman's Stall during the course of deliberations; he especially made a point to urge the large contingent of Sikh delegates to visit the U.S.A. Jamaat's Book Stall. On the concluding day of the Convention, the publisher acquired the remaining unsold books from the U. S.A. Jamaat, and before their departure from Chicago hosted Brothers Dr. Muhammad Ahmad, Dr. Noman I. Malik, and Sister Samina Sahu Khan to a brunch in one of the most elegant restaurant of Chicago.

Hazrat Ameer was provided with a set of literature produced and distributed at the convention, including copies of letters addressed to the local media. The Central Anjuman's monthly Newsletter of September, 1993, conveyed the following report (translated from Urdu text):

### AN EXEMPLARY ACTION OF FREE DISTRIBUTION OF THE HOLY QUR'AN IN U.S.A.

"Our late reverend and respectable Imam Muhammad Abdullah was well known to our Readers. The late Imam has set his mark in establishing religious Missions and Schools in Fiji Islands and the United States. His eldest son Mr. Jalal-ud-Din Akbar is also with the grace of God following the legacy of his late father and working untiringly in the free distribution of the Holy Qur'an, although he was religiously zealous before but after the demise of his late father he made this his life-long mission. Towards this end he succeeded in incorporating, 'Heaven on earth', Publications, Inc. through which body he advertised in the local Newspaper, and prepared a comprehensive literature highlighting the World renown

author Maulana Muhammad Ali's translation of the Holy Qur'an which was offered for free distribution. During the World Parliament of Religions held in Chicago between August 28th and September 5th, Mr. Akbar prepared a comprehensive literature indicating the prophesies about the advent of Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBH) in the Holy Bible, references to Gog Magog in the Holy Qur'an, the Hadith, and the Holy Bible, and finally about the predominance of Islam in the Final Days. Mr. Jalal-ud-Din Akbar has distributed free hundreds of copies of Maulana Muhammad Ali's translation of the Holy Qur'an and towards this end he has appealed to the Readers for Fund Donations to be sent to the given address:

### Mr. Jalal-ud-Din Akbar Heaven On Earth Publications

P.O. Box A2127  
211 South Clark Street  
Chicago, IL 60690 U.S.A.

The publisher once again reiterates the above appeal and most kindly request you for donations and assistance. May Allah bless you and amply reward you for this noble contribution (Ameen).

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### IMAM W.D. MOHAMMAD MEETS MUSLIMS OF DOWNSTATE ILLINOIS

The publisher arranged a speaking engagement for Imam Warith Deen Mohammad to address a small Community of Muslims and non-Muslims downstate Illinois, which took place a Sunday afternoon at the main Auditorium of a local parochial High School. The transportation to and from, local accomodation for the Imam and his family, and the Television/Newspaper media assembly was arranged by the publisher. In his topic, 'How Islam influences the life of a person', the Imam said, 'Islam is a religion of all people, not blacks or whites or Arabs, but universal to all mankind'.

The deliberation was carried by the local T.V. Station, the event covered on the front page of the main Newspaper, and the entire speech appeared in the Muslim Journal for the rest of the Country. Even though the Imam addressed the Auditorium full of audience, his message was carried to millions of Viewers/Readers through the courtesy of the media.

**"Hell is veiled in delights, and Heaven in hardships and miseries."**

# ALL ABOUT US-A LEGEND THAT GROWS

Through the Newsletter of Dec. '95/Jan. '96, the Central Anjuman reports with heartening exuberance on the mammoth success of Berlin Mosque Fund raising during the recent Annual Jalsa held at Lahore, and further declared with firm resolve to initiate a grand effort of support for the Berlin Mission during the entire 1996 by launching a Worldwide international appeal for Funds. An appeal letter full of zealous emotion and religious passion from Hazrat Ameer, which also contained a most touching message from Hazrat Maulana Muhammad Ali Saheb, was so moving that first tears appeared in my eyes, then trickled to sobs before the reading concluded. What or who inspired Hazrat Ameer and the late Hazrat Maulana Saheb to render such a resounding impact in furthering the Cause of Islam and Ahmadiyyat? The answer will become obvious as we learn from Lain Adamson, the biographer of Hazrat Mirza Saheb, who writes, "In the year 1889 in a small, dusty Indian town in the Punjab, some 90 miles from Lahore, a devout Muslim, Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, accepted a covenant of allegiance from his first followers. A year later he announced that God had revealed to him that Jesus had died a normal death. God had also told him that he was the Promised Messiah.

God had promised him that his mission would be successful, he declared. God had told him,, "I will carry thy message to the ends of the world". It was an astonishing statement from a man whose followers at the time did not even number fifty. yet he was not unknown. His writings had attracted attention throughout the world. "Very profound and very true," the Russian philosopher Count Leo Tolstoy wrote of one of his books.

Today the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam is considered the most potent religious force in the world. The first forty followers have become more than 10 million. It is a mathematical increase in 100 years unequalled since the rise of Islam.

Among his followers are a Nobel prizewinner, a former president of the General Assembly of the United Nations, government ministers, army and air force generals, doctors, scientists, millionaires and millions and millions of ordinary people from countries as diverse as Indonesia, the United States, Poland, China and Spain (including India, Pakistan, Kashmir, South Africa, Nigeria, Holland, Germany, United Kingdom, Canada, Suriname, Guyana, Trinidad, Australia, Fiji, New Zealand, Thailand and many more)."

On the passing of Hazrat Mirza Saheb the Biographer cited glowing picture from worldwide obituaries. A daily in Dehli commented: "He changed entirely the structure of polemics and laid the foundations of new literature in India... His vigorous literature has a novel grandeur... and a study of some of his writings transports the reader to a state of

ecstasy." A newspaper in Lahore said that he "was an exceedingly holy and exalted leader who had a force of piety that conquered even the harshest hearts. he was well-informed scholar, a reformer of great resolve who, set an example of pious life...his guidance and leadership had a true messianic quality for the spiritually dead". An Arya Samaj newspaper stated that he resembled Prophet Muhammad(PBH) in the quality of perseverance. "He stuck to it to his last breath and never wavered in the slightest degree." The Times of London carried a long obituary, and concluded that he was "venerable in appearance, magnetic in personality, and active in intellect".

Under the leadership of our beloved Hazrat Ameer, the zeal and the spirit for the love of Islam demonstrated by the A.A.I.I.L. jamaat members throughout the world is a clear testimony of Hazrat Mirza Saheb's legacy that grows, and inshaaAllah will flourish even greater, if we pool our resources together, unite and sacrifice on common goals, and refrain from petty quarrels and differences. The bickering and back-biting leads to complacency and inactivity, moreover gives an excuse to hold on to the purse to the great detriment of Anjuman's progress. It is quite distressing, when especially Jamaat members in position of strength and leadership shy away from supporting each other. There is a great lesson in the statement that, "United We Rise, Divided We Sink". It is however, quite encouraging to observe a spirit of rejuvenation, which by the grace of Allah, unleashed at the Lahore Annual Jalsa, and in Jamaat's conventions around the world, when young and old Ahmadis, brothers and sisters alike poured their hearts out in freely doling cash, jewelry, property, and prayers for the restoration of the Berlin Mosque. Jazakallah.

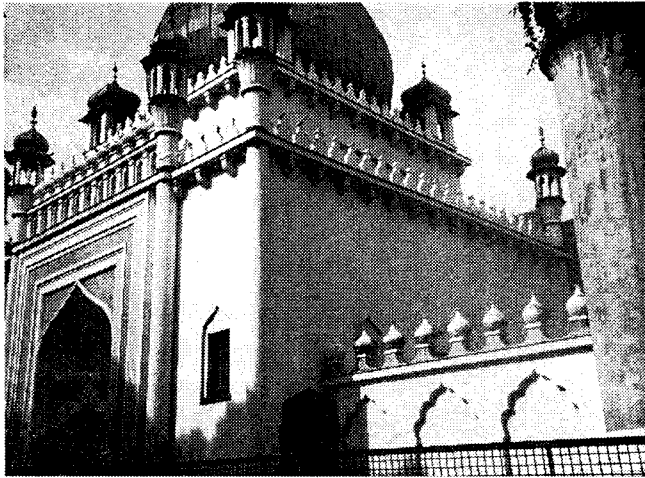
Thanks Allah we have promptly answered the call of Hazrat Ameer on the Berlin Mosque, with enthusiasm and spirited contributions, and now we must be prepared to take the next giant leap forward. The Christian second millenium is fast approaching, only a few years away to remind us of Hazrat Mirza Saheb's dream of, "breaking the cross in the West", which meant that the Ahmadis will convert Christendom to Islam with Hazrat Mirza Saheb's cutting arguments. Towards this direction we urgently need to prepare soldiers of trained missionaries in the multi-languages of the world. Is the Central Anjuman lagging behind in training Moballags? If so we must seriously scrutinize this situation during the next two years, and resolve to give this matter a high priority by inviting all the jamaats around the world to encourage and make available promising young men and women hopefuls for missionary training at the Central Anjuman Hq. at Lahore.

**SURELY, WE HAVE GIVEN TO YOU A CLEAR VICTORY (AL-QUR'AN).**

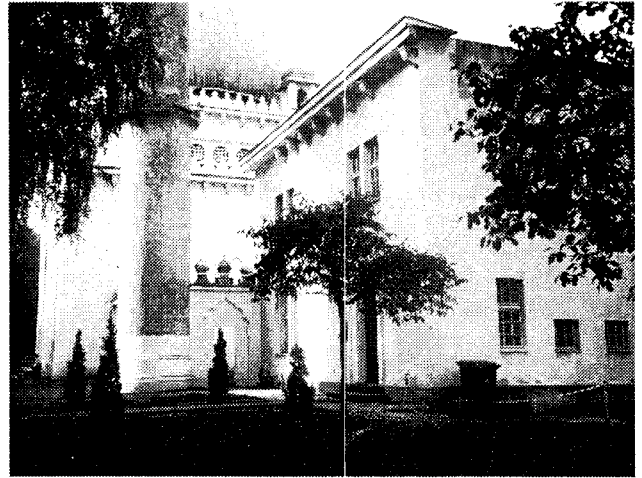
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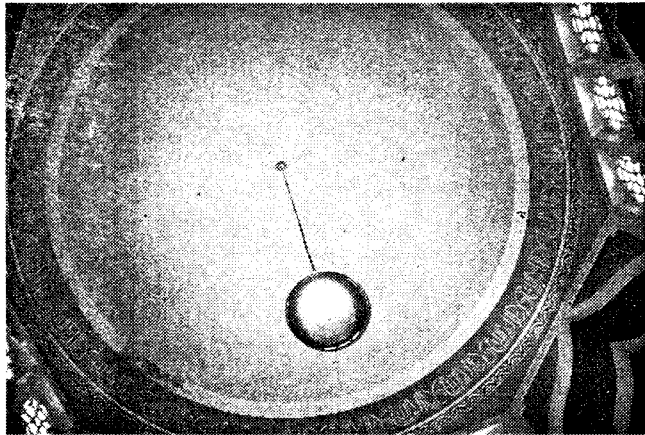
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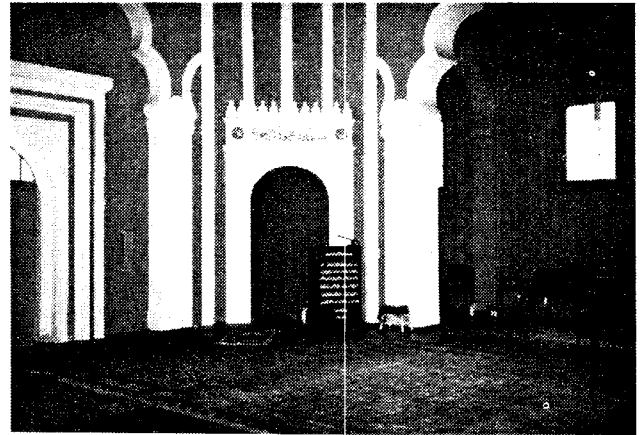
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SIDE VIEW - MOSQUE AND IMAM'S RESIDENCE



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**THE BERLIN MOSQUE**

A GREAT MAJORITY OF OUR JAMAAT MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN CONTRIBUTING TOWARDS THE WELFARE OF THE BERLIN MOSQUE ARE NOT AWARE HOW RESPLENDENT THE MOSQUE APPEAR TO THE ONLOOKER. LAST YEAR DURING THE HOLLAND CONVENTION I WAS FORTUNATE TO VISIT THE MOSQUE AND I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE MY IMPRESSIONS WITH YOU. NOW I CAN SAY WITH GREAT CERTAINTY THAT THE BERLIN MOSQUE WHICH WAS BUILT SIMILAR TO THE DESIGN OF TAJ MAHAL OF AGRA, INDIA, IS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL, RELIGIOUS EDIFICE OF MUSLIM WORSHIP IN THE ENTIRE EUROPE.

AS MEMBERS OF THE A.A.I.I.(LAHORE) WE MUST BE ALL ELATED WITH OUR GREAT EFFORT AND SACRIFICE. I SINCERELY TRUST AND HOPE THAT THESE ELEGANT PICTURES OF THE BERLIN MOSQUE WILL RENEW YOUR ZEAL AND INSPIRE YOU WITH ENHANCED SPIRIT FOR A WHOLEHEARTED SACRIFICE IN PLEDGING AND IMPLEMENTING GENEROUS FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR MEETING THE MAINTENANCE AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENCES OF THE MOSQUE.

A WORD OF CAUTION, A FEW YEARS AGO WE LOST CUSTODY OF WOKING MOSQUE (PICTURED AT BOTTOM RIGHT). LET'S NOT ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN WITH THE BERLIN MOSQUE LACKADAISICAL SUPPORT AND DISINTEREST. WE MUST RESOLVE TO KEEP ITS CUSTODY TODAY, TOMORROW, AND FOREVER INSHAALLAH.

ON EVERY CONCEIVABLE OCCASIONS ESPECIALLY DURING REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS HAZRAT AMEER HAS VOICED HIS CONCERNS WITH PASSIONATE APPEAL FOR OUR WHOLEHEARTED DONATIONS FOR THE REPAIR AND UPKEEP OF THE BERLIN MOSQUE. LET'S CONTINUE TO SUPPORT HIS CALL WITH OUR ENTHUSIASM AND SPIRITED CONTRIBUTIONS.

THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING TO GRANT THE BERLIN MOSQUE A STATUS OF LANDMARK HISTORICAL PLACE OF WORSHIP, THEREBY DEFRAYING SOME OF THE OPERATING COSTS. THIS PROCESS OF DETERMINATION OF LANDMARK MAY DRAG ON FOR SOME TIME, AND EVEN MAY NOT BE IMPLEMENTED. THIS IS THE MORE REASON WHY WE SHOULD NOT LAX IN OUR RESOLVE TO CONTINUE OUR MONETARY SUPPORT WHOLEHEARTEDLY.

MAY ALLAH REWARD YOU WITH HIS INFINITE MERCY AND GRANT YOU WITH HIS CHOICEST BLESSINGS, I REMAIN,  
BROTHERLY YOURS,

AKBAR IBN ANDULLAH

APPEAL LETTER



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